

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota, in its 113 years, has served a statewide purpose dedicated to the social, physical, intellectual, and emotional growth in the development of special education children of South Dakota and assisting them in developing to their maximum potentials as positive and productive American citizens; and,

Whereas, The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and Early Identification & Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities offer abundant opportunities to provide individualized services for all children with disabilities; and,

Whereas, Communication Service for the Deaf and Midwestern States School for the Deaf, in collaboration and partnership with Sprint, Gallaudet University, and National Technical Institute for the Deaf, will sponsor the National Convention of the Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools & Programs for the Deaf (CEASD), April 4-7, 2003, with "No Child Left Behind: What Will It Take?" as its theme; and,

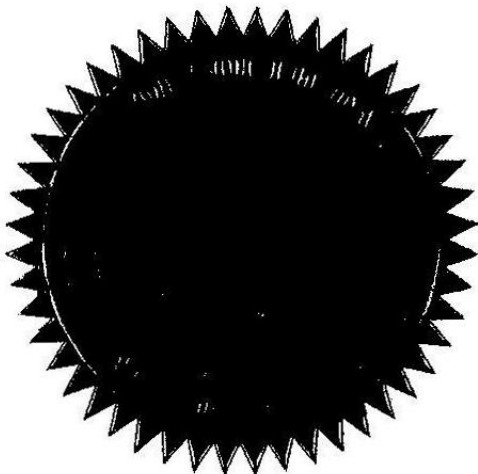
Whereas, Representatives of the organizations of, for, and by the deaf, along with students, parents, relatives and friends of deaf and hard of hearing people, professionals, support service specialists, legislators, lawmakers, and special education leaders from across the nation have been invited to attend the convention in the city of Sioux Falls; and,

Whereas, The city of Sioux Falls offers a cordial welcome and best wishes to all the participants for a state-of-the-art meeting and salutes the nation's special education leaders for their compassion and commitment to quality education for all deaf and hard of hearing children:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 1-7, 2003, as

NATIONAL CEASD CONVENTION WEEK

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State